

D-424  
Josiah Bayly House  
Cambridge  
Mid 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Private

The Orem house, historically known as the Josiah Bayly house, is a prominent structure on High Street with its location across from the courthouse square and next to the cemetery of Christ Episcopal Church. While the popular history of the house points to a late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction date, the exterior evidence suggests that an older structure may have been reworked extensively during the third quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, thereby yielding its present appearance. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay, double-pile frame dwelling has a Victorian cross gable on its southeast elevation and mid nineteenth century sash windows light the entire structure.

Josiah Bayly practiced law in Cambridge and he purchased this lot from the Vestry of Great Choptank Parish in September 1796. He and his family occupied the house on this lot, and as well financed the construction of the small law office directly on the boundary with the church land. (See 189) Josiah worked in this law office as a local attorney, and later served at higher levels as the Attorney General for the State of Maryland. After his death in the mid 1850s, the property passed down through his family to his son, Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly (1814-1892), who is recorded as occupying the house next door (See D-10), while his son, Edgar Bayly and family resided on this lot. In 1892, following the death of Alexander H. Bayly, M.D., the houses and sizable town acreage bordering High, Church, William and Mill streets, were sold by J. Washington and Fannie C. Bayly of Louisville, Kentucky, to Isabel B. Shepherd for \$7,500. Seven years later, the property was transferred to George W. Dawson, Sr. (d. 1913), in whose

estate the property remained at his death. His heirs sold the High Street house, office and lot to Earle W. Orem in February 1917, whose descendant maintains ownership to the present time.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-424

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Josiah Bayly House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 209 High Street not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Reginald C. Orem

street and number 209 High Street telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 270 folio 634

city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 16 tax ID number 7-170211

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Josiah Bayly house stands at 209 High Street in the center of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story center hall/double pile plan frame house, estimated to date to the early nineteenth century with third quarter of the nineteenth century modifications, is supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with beaded vinyl siding. The steeply pitched cross gable roof is finished with fiberglass shingles. Stretching across the front of the house is an early twentieth century hip roofed porch. Attached to the back of the house is a single-story shed roofed addition.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Josiah Bayly house is located at 209 High Street across the street from the Dorchester County Courthouse. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay by three-bay frame dwelling is supported on raised brick foundation and the exterior is clad with beaded vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with fiberglass shingles. Piercing each gable end of the center hall plan house is a large interior end brick chimney stack. While historical research has estimated this house to date to the late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century, exterior finish features indicate that the house experienced a significant reworking during the third quarter of the nineteenth century with the introduction of a new sidelighted entrance and new six-over-six sash windows on all sides.

The southeast (main) elevation is a symmetrical five-bay façade with a center entrance and flanked sidelights and transom fitted with leaded glass panes. To each side of the entrance are pairs of six-over-six sash windows surviving with late 19<sup>th</sup> century shutter hardware. The entire first floor is sheltered by a hip roofed porch supported on square posts enhanced with simple curved corner brackets. Stretching between posts is rectangular baluster railing with a molded handrail. The second floor is lighted by an evenly spaced series of six-over-six sash windows, and the centered cross gable is likewise pierced by a six-over-six sash window. The edge of the roof is finished with an enclosed boxed cornice.

The gable ends are defined by asymmetrical fenestrations of six-over-six sash windows on either side of the interior end chimney stack. Rectangular cellar window openings pierce the foundation. In the gable end, a single six-over-six sash window is centered between diverging flues of the chimney stack. A cellar window opening on the northwest side retains horizontal metal bars.

The interior was not seen on the initial field visit.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Orem house, historically known as the Josiah Bayly house, is a prominent structure on High Street with its location directly across from the courthouse square. While the popular history of the house points to an late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction date, exterior evidence indicates an older structure was reworked extensively during the third or fourth quarter of the nineteenth century. Josiah Bayly was an attorney in Cambridge and he purchased this lot from the Vestry of Great Choptank Parish in September 1796. The occupied a house on the lot and financed as well the construction of the small law office directly on the boundary with the church land. (See D-189) Josiah Bayly practiced law in Cambridge during the second quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as well as serving as an Attorney General for the State of Maryland. After his death in mid 1850s, the the property passed down through family to his son Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly (1814-1892), who is recorded as occupying the house next door when the Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas was published in 1877,<sup>1</sup> while his son, Edgar Bayly and him family occupied the house on this lot. In 1892, following the death of Alexander H. Bayly, M.D., the houses and large town acreage bordering High, Church, William and Mill street were sold by J. Washington and Fannie C. Bayly of Louisville, Kentucky to Isabel B. Shepherd for \$7,500.<sup>2</sup> Seven years later, the property was transferred to George W. Dawson, Sr. (d. 1913), in whose estate the property remained at his death. His heirs sold the High Street house and lot to Earle W. Orem in February 1917,<sup>3</sup> whose descendants maintain ownership to the present time.

<sup>1</sup> John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, p. 77.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, CL 16/558-59, 1 June 1892, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>3</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, WHM 3/87, 3 February 1917, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Josiah Bayly House  
209-11 High Street  
Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland  
Map 301, Parcel 16

### CHAIN-OF-TITLE

PLC 270/634 Reginald C. Orem

to

11.12.1991 Leah Orem Gore and Oliver R. C Gore, Jr.

PLC 247/91 Reginald C. Orem and Hazel R. Orem

to

10.20.1987 Reginald C. Orem

PLC 117/283 Earle W. Orem

to

12.21.1959 Reginald C. Orem and Hazel R. Orem

No. 33 and 35 High Street

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RSM 75/483

V. Calvin Trice, Trustee

to

6.30.1951

Earle W. Orem

JFD 25/394

Earle W. Orem

to

2.17.1928

Birdsel D. Orem

(same land conveyed to said Earle Orem by J. Simmons Dawson,  
et al., 2.3.1917, WHM 3/87)

WHM 3/87

J. Simmons Dawson, George Dawson, Frank W. Dawson, Sarah D.  
Preistman

to

2.3.1917

Earle W. Orem

Whereas George W. Dawson, Sr. died intestate, on or about 8.22.1913

CL 23/377

Isabel B. Shepherd of Washington, D.C.

to

4.25.1899

George H. Dawson, Sr.

Lot No. 1

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CL 16/558-59

J. Washington E. Bayly and wife, Fannie C. Bayly, City of  
Louisville, Kentucky

to

6.1.1892

Isabel B. Shepherd

\$7,500 land which Alexander H. Bayly, M.D. died seized, bordering  
High, Church, William and Mill streets

1877 Atlas

Cambridge Town Map-Residence of Edgar Bayly

HD 9/503

Vestry of Great Choptank Parish

To

9.6.1796

Josiah Bayly

Lot No. 2 on the main street of Cambridge—in accordance with  
an Act of Assembly of 1791 to sell



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>17,871 square feet</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>17,871 square feet +/-</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Cambridge, MD Quadrangle</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	2/24/2010
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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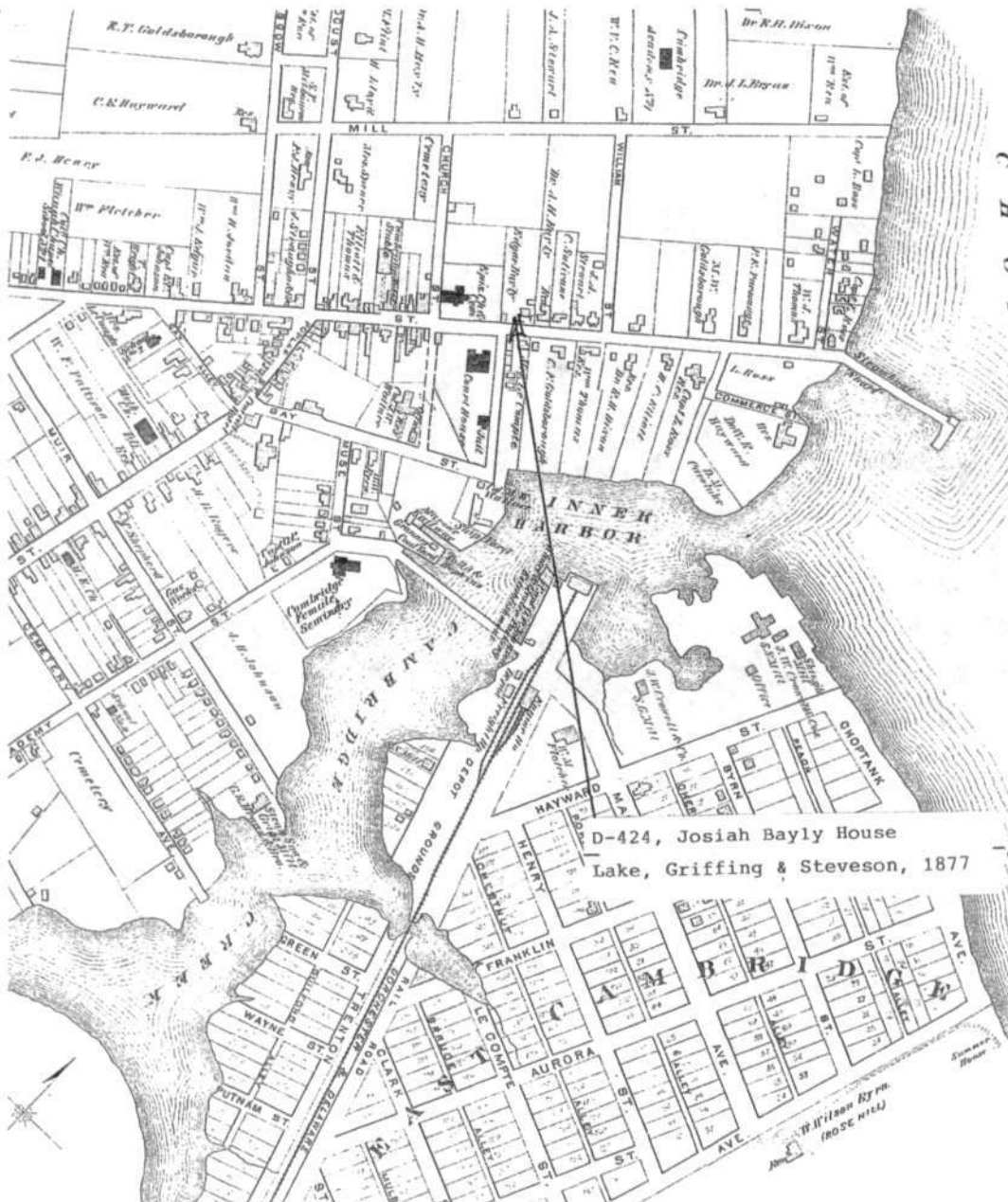
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Cambridge, MD Quadrangle

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D-424, Josiah Bayly House, southeast elevation, Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland, 2.2010, Paul Baker Touart, photographer, Negative/MD Historical Trust



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Cambridge, MD Quadrangle



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LOSIAT BAYLY (HOUSE  
CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER C. M.D.  
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION  
2. 2010, PAUL B. TOUANT, PITUITV.  
NEGATIVE / M.D. HISTORICAL TRANSIT  
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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 209 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Reginald Orem				
STREET AND NUMBER: 209 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 117/Folio 283				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		



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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although this house was built sometime around 1796, it was added onto around the turn of the 19th century and now appears to be a much later house than it actually is. The interior, however, still retains much of the early woodwork.

This frame house is two and one half stories high and has a gable roof with a center gable. There is a pointed arch window in the gable. A one story porch extends across the five bay front, supported by rectangular posts and uncarved arched brackets. The eight panel door is flanked by rectangular sidelights and a transom light above.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1796, late 19th c.

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                      |   |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

In September 1796, the trustees of Christ Church conveyed this property to Josiah Bayly to help pay for the church building. Bayly, a distinguished lawyer and our fifth Attorney General of Maryland, built the present house with the exception of the part to the left as one enters, which was added by Mrs. Isabel Shepherd. Bayly's law office was next door (211 High Street). He died in 1846, leaving the property to his widow Ann A. Bayly. Mrs. Bayly died in June 1857, and after her death the property was sold to Dr. Alexander H. Bayly. Dr. Bayly died in 1892, leaving the property to his son Josiah W. E. Bayly of Louisville, Kentucky. He died in 1892 also, and the property was sold to Mrs. Isabel Shepherd.

Significance:

Although altered sometime around the turn of the century this is one of the older houses on High Street, which possesses many houses of architectural significance ranging from pre-Revolution to early 20th century construction.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the  
Daily Banner, April 16, 1925

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

209 High Street  
Josiah Bayly House  
Cambridge, Maryland

PLC 117/284

Despite its early twentieth century vernacular appearance, this house was built sometime after 1796 by Josiah Bayly, Cambridge lawyer and tenth Attorney General of Maryland (1831-1846). The lot was originally part of the lands of Great Choptank Parish as laid out in the survey of 1706. In 1750, the church leased a portion of its land, including this lot, to John Caile (see 207 High Street). In 1794, the parish recovered its lease from Caile's heirs and two years later sold the land as three lots to raise money for a new church. Josiah Bayly purchased the middle portion for 150 pounds and erected the present house. On his death in 1846 the property passed to his widow and then to his son, Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bayly, who resided next door at 207 High Street until 1892. The house has remained in the possession of Josiah Bayly's descendants to this day, except for the years 1899-1917. Earle Orem, father of the present owner, bought the house in 1917, added to the rear and remodeled the exterior as it now stands. The present owners acquired the house in 1959.

THis house is significant from its historical association with one of Cambridge's most prominent figures of the early nineteenth century. From an architectural point of view, however, the exterior of the house is not in keeping with other houses of the same age on High Street.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

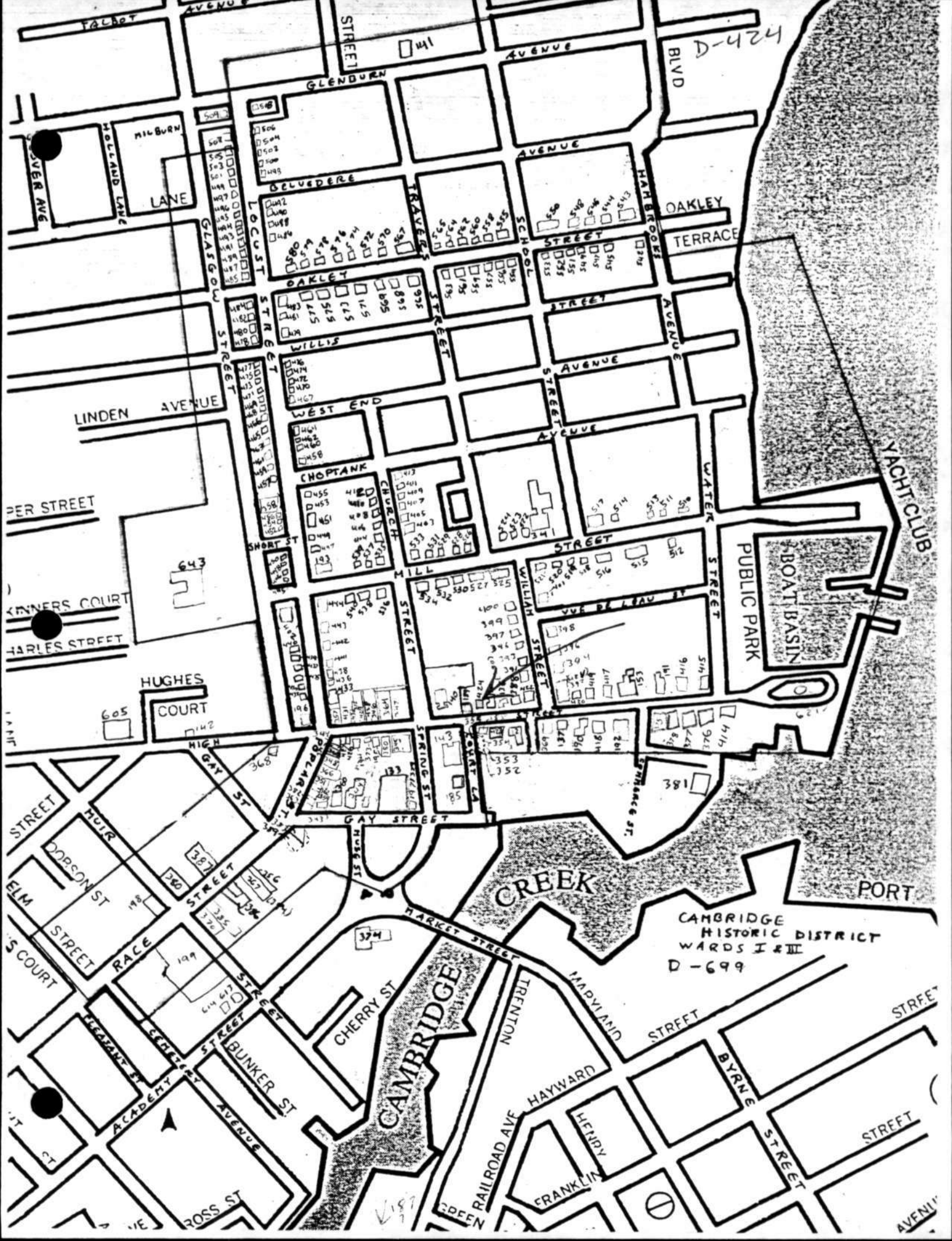
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Interview with Reginald and Hazel Orem, 209 High Street, owners.

Research by: Terrance P. Walbert

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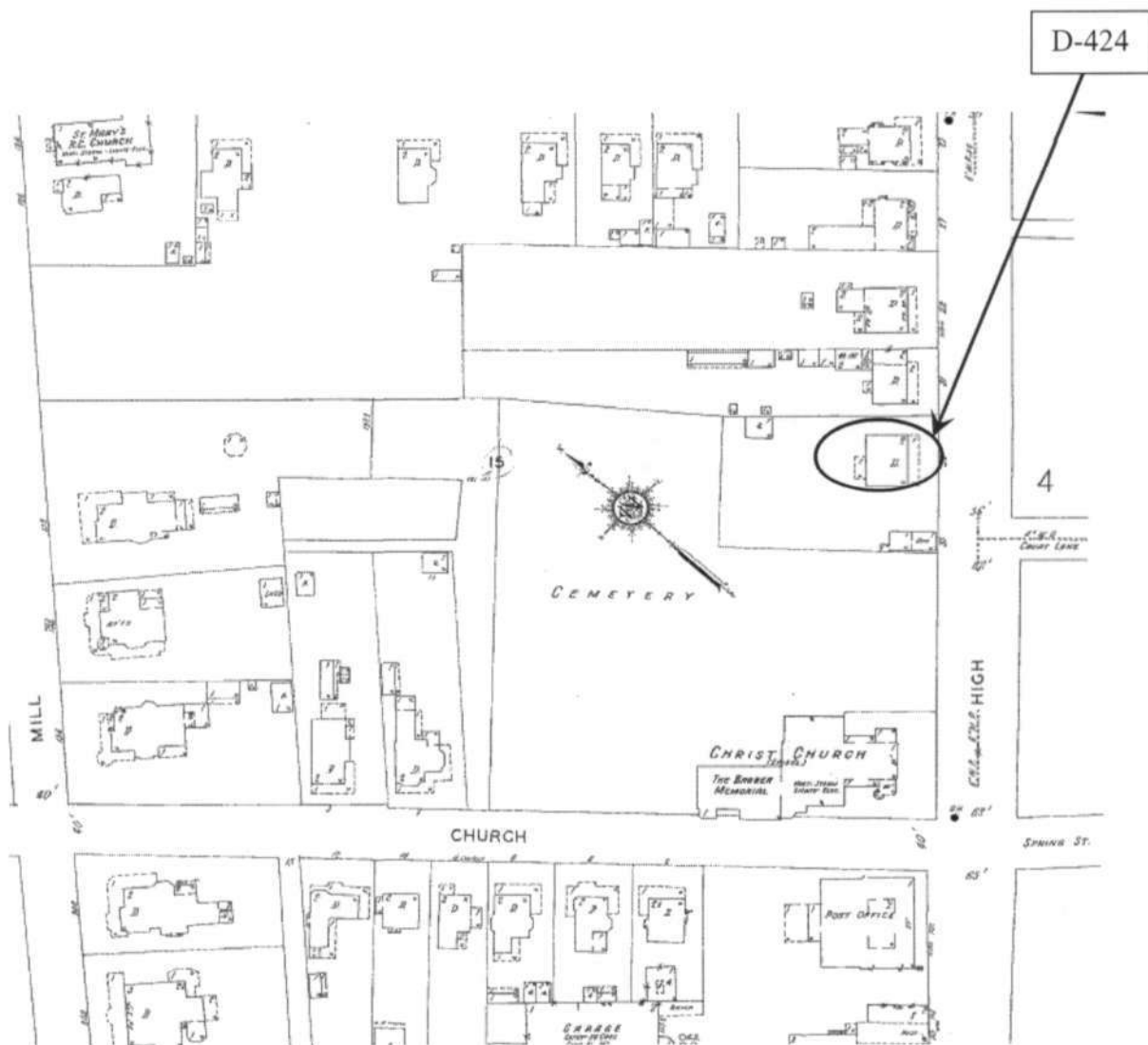




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